

REMARKS

It is respectfully requested that claim 1 be canceled without prejudice. New claims 2-21 have been added. Although claims 2-21 are believed to be patently distinct from the claims of U.S. Patent No. 5,970,249 and U.S. Patent No. 6,240,548, a terminal disclaimer is hereby submitted herein solely in order to expedite prosecution.

It is submitted that claims are patentably distinct over the cited art of record. Additional limitations recited in the independent claims or the dependent claims are not further discussed because the limitations discussed above are sufficient to distinguish the claimed invention from the cited art. Accordingly, Applicant believes that all pending claims are allowable and respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance for this application from the Examiner.

Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee for such extension or any further fee required in connection with the filing of this Amendment is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 500388 (Order No. SUN1P147C2). Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the undersigned can be reached at the telephone number set out below.

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